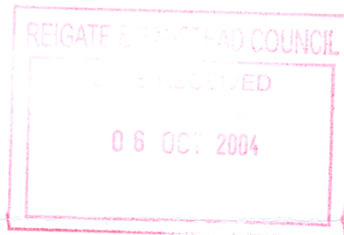


Annex 7

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The Licensing Department
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4th October 2004

Dear Sirs

The Ship Pub, Copse Road, Meadvale, Redhill
Licensing Application

We note The Ship has applied for a Public Entertainment Licence and wish to object to this.

We can see the public house from our property and have over the years grown increasingly concerned about the level of noise emanating from the building, especially at night and lunch time/afternoons at weekends. At present we can lie in bed and hear all the words and music on karaoke/party nights, etc, and indeed on some occasions have had to use earplugs in order to get to sleep. The problem for us is worse at night as sound travels greater distances during the hours of darkness.

It is not only the music causing the problem but also people attending these events create a large amount of noise by shouting, and singing, etc, which is only to be expected as they are having a good time. Windows are opened for fresh air which worsens the situation.

In summer people are in the pub garden so there are not even the walls to help prevent the sound from travelling.

Sadly it is getting impossible for us to enjoy quiet time in our garden during some summer evenings.

All people living in Lower Road and Copse Road will be affected by this licence as well as the residents in Greystones Close. As you know all the residents in this close are elderly. The lady at number 6 is aged 97 and the gentleman at number 5 is 81. I do know that some of the residents of the bungalows are not happy about the existing noise levels and conduct/language of a number of the visitors to the pub. The rear gardens of the bungalows back onto the pub garden.

Parking around the pub is already a problem and on many occasions the pavement in front of the pub is literally **completely covered by parked cars and vans**. Pedestrians have no

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option but to walk down the road which is also narrowed as a result of regularly parked vehicles (including 2 removal vans) on the north side. This situation will worsen. There are not enough parking spaces for residents cars let alone the extra customers. What about the noise caused by customers leaving the pub late at night?

Granting of a public entertainment licence could affect the value of all properties in this part of Meadvale because, as you know, it is essential to be truthful when selling a house and if noise has been a problem you must declare it when asked.

Would council taxes be reduced as some form of compensation for the misery suffered every week as a result of the existing noise and possible further noise?

Enough is enough. There is already far too much noise emanating from this pub at times. We do not need it to be increased and indeed surely it should be reduced. Does any music, etc, really have to go on after 11pm in a highly built up area when residents are trying to sleep? There are residential properties on all four sides of The Ship which was built around the 1950s behind the old pub which was then demolished. In the 1950s parties, karaoke nights and live band music just did not happen in pubs, they were for drinking and darts. **Perhaps now is the time for even the current problem to be addressed.**

We hope to hear from you with regard to the outcome of this application.

Yours faithfully

Frances Martin

Frances and Trevor Martin